

WASTE TIRE STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

UPDATING THE “350” RULE

Solid Waste Handling Standards, Chapter 173-350 of the Washington Administrative Code, is a regulation addressing waste management issues as diverse as used tires, surface impoundments, and incineration.

These rules govern how individuals, businesses and governments can manage solid waste, what materials can be recycled, when permits are required, and many other technical details.

Updating the rule allows Ecology to address emerging issues, look for ways to improve its effectiveness and get feedback from stakeholders.



Sections 350, 355 — Waste tire storage and transportation

Properly storing and managing waste tires is important to protecting both the environment and public health. Illegal dumping of used tires is a major problem that can spread disease.

Indoor storage

The most significant proposed change in the section is requiring facilities storing more than eight tons of waste tires indoors to be regulated as waste tire storage facilities, requiring a solid waste handling permit from the local health authority, a waste tire storage license from the Department of Ecology, and obtaining financial assurance. Tires stored in mobile containers will not be subject to this provision.

The proposed language also offers design standards to allow indoor waste tire storage facilities to meet fire code requirements.

Transporting waste tires

In updating this section, standards for transporting waste tires were moved into a new section, 355. The new section updates the operating standards to improve consistency with other parts of the rule, but does not represent a significant change to operators.

Outdoor storage

Design standards for facilities storing waste tires outside are also being updated to meet the 2012 International Fire Code. Although the design requirements are more stringent than they were previously, local fire departments are likely already enforcing these standards.



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Public input

After releasing a draft version of the revised 350 rule, Ecology will hold informal workshops to educate interested persons about the proposed changes. Feedback during this informal process may result in changes to the draft rule.

In September 2016, Ecology plans to formally announce proposed revisions. This will begin a formal comment period, including hearings where stakeholders can comment on the changes and ask questions that will be answered in the official rulemaking documents. Ecology hopes to adopt changes to the rule in the spring of 2017.

350 rule update schedule (dates subject to change)

Now	Draft rule available
July 21	Informal workshop—Lacey
July 26	Informal workshop—Ellensburg
July 27	Informal workshop—Spokane
Sept. 6	Informal comments due
December	Proposed rule filed
January-	
March, 2017	Public hearings on proposed rule
Spring, 2017	Rule adopted

